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On the sensible Qualities of the Air. of Cold — cont?

given of this fact is correct. I infer from the parts thus tinged of a red color, being pale before they become red, and after a while becoming blue or livid from a tendency of the parts in which the red blood is effused to a mortification. We see the same effects in the faces of hard-drinkers, and of persons subject to anger, & from the same relaxation & previous state of the capillary Vessels induced by the frequent determination of blood to that part of the body. —

4 We are told the Cold Bath ~~acts~~ acts by a stimulating power, and hence its great usefulness in a debilitated state of the body. — The ~~first impression of~~ Cold water in this ~~body is~~ case acts in two ways. ~~one of two or both~~

~~the~~ It stimulates mechanically by the force with which it is impelled against the body. This is evidently the case with the Shower bath, and 2ly it abstracts heat and ~~excite~~ induces excitement, and thus accumulates excitability upon which the common stimuli of life – the exertions in the bath, & in coming out of it, and the external air (now much warmer than the body) all act in such a Manner as to produce elevated excitement and in some cases the morbid excitement of fever. The primary effects of the Cold Bath are indirectly sedative. Its Stimulus is wholly of an indirect nature.

5 Its ~~is~~ ~~sid~~ we sometimes see a draught of Cold water suddenly induce partial or

general sweats. Are not these sweats the effects of a stimulating power of in cold? - I answer - no - the cold water in this case acts only by reducing the System to the sweating point. We see the same thing occur from bleeding, and from other depleting medicines. We see it likewise from the external application of cold water to the body in a fever. I have once seen this sweat in a fever confined exclusively to the part of the body to which the cold water was applied. It was in a patient in the Pennsylvania hospital. -

6th The Cutis anserina which is induced by cold, has been ascribed to its supposed stimulating power. It is probably this apparently upon the natural state of the Skin is probably

V or if he not its natural state, it may be induced by such a partial Contraction of the Skin from the Abstraction of the Stimulus of heat - as to leave a part of the extremities of the nerves or blood = =vessels in their natural state.

its natural state, and would exist constantly were it not prevented by the action of heat upon it which gives it a smooth and uniform surface. — I have seen it after death, and in very warm weather. V

y The stimulating effects of Cold have been inferred from the discharges which take place from the eyes & nose in cold weather. They arise from a defect of absorption in consequence of the torpor induced upon the lymphatics by cold. — The same torpor induced by other causes produces the same discharges from the eyes and nose of old people.

& Fainting is often cured by throwing a little cold water upon the face. This fact is urged in favor of the stimulating effects of Cold. The stimulus here, is the

weight and force of the water acting upon a sensible part of the body in a state of excitability suddenly accumulated, and that in the highest degree. —

2 The pulse is quickened by the action of cold water upon the whole, or part of the body. The first action of cold water when thus applied, is to increase the force & frequency of the pulse. It does so only by its sedative power. The subsequent frequency of the pulse is the effect of the debility induced upon the Arterial System by the cold accompanied with a degree of morbid Action; since the heart contracts before it is full of blood we see the same thing in low fevers, and after the operation of fear which is universally admitted to be of a sedative nature.

10 We are told that the cool or cold air is often an exciting Cause of fever - and that

V Not only fevers, but even convulsions
in the ~~nervous~~ muscular System, are
sometimes brought on by the same
Dative Causes.

it must act in this case by a stimulating power.. To this I answer, - that the cold, or Cool air may act in two ways 1 by checking perspiration which by stimulating the Capillaries directly, or by being absorbed, and thrown upon irritable parts, may induce fever, or 2^{ly} it may act as I formerly said by suddenly destroying the equilibrium of the System by its sedative power:. In this way a temporary fever is sometimes induced by fear and grief both of which we know to be sedative passions. A fever is even induced by bleeding when advised to remove Congestions in the brain, and this remedy we know to be of a sedative nature. I know the followers of Dr Brown ascribe the production of fever to the heat which succeeds the application of Cold to the body, and

4thly and lastly. I infer Cold to be a sedative from its always increasing accumulating excitability in the parts of the body to which it is applied. All stimuli of all kinds expend excitability, or convert it into excitement. This single fact is sufficient to establish the principle I am defending. In speaking of the accumulation of excitability by cold, take notice I mean only when it is suddenly applied, and continued for a short time. When applied a great while it is expended as in the cold climates of Sweden & Russia.

V The abstraction of light, as fear is the abstraction of Courage, & Cold is the abstraction of Strength, as debility is the effect only of the abstraction of heat.+ I shall resume and apply this doctrine when I come to treat of the Cure of fevers.

+ So forcibly did the truth of the Opinion I have defended, strike the late Dr Beddoes that he has left it upon record, that if he were to fix upon a criterion to establish the greatest possible prejudice or Obliquity of the human Understanding, it should be

hence they have changed the common
phrase of taking a cold to "taking a heat."
That fevers are sometimes taken in this
way there can be no doubt, ~~but it is~~
~~only when the heat reduces the body and~~
~~feeble degree~~ but I believe they are
in the ways I have mentioned viz stoppage of perspi-
much oftener induced by the sedative action
ration or
of the cold suddenly destroying the equilibri-
um of the System. The autumnal fevers
appear to be brought on in this way
when they make their first attack after
too
wearing their Clothing, or sleeping un-
too bed
der light a Covering. ——— The action of the
Cold is much favoured by the body being
impregnated with miasmata fever vegetable
& animal putrefaction ~~at~~ in the fall of
~~of the year~~ I shall ~~comment this subject taken~~
~~I have to treat of fevers.~~ ~~write the night~~ I therefore that
include ~~therefore that~~
as moral evil is the effect of the abstraction of
moral Good, as Darkness is the effect of V

a belief in the ~~fata~~ stimulating effects of Cold & the sedative effects of Opium. I ~~subscribe~~ concur in the truth of the remark.

V In this ~~aff~~ respect it follows the analogy of the negative evils to which I have just now compared it, — for moral evil, — Darkness, ~~and~~ fear and Debility all produce the most serious positive ~~and re~~ effects.

weight and force of the water acting upon a sensible part of the body in a state of the highest degree of accumulated ex= =citability suddenly accumulated, & that too in the highest degree

While I thus denay the ascribe a negative quality, or a sedative operation to Cold, I admit that it produces many positive effects upon the System. I shall now proceed to enumerate the morbid effects of Cold. This will furnish many further proofs that Cold does not possess a stimulating power.

1 Cold induces debility and exitability upon the Arterial System, and thus disposes to all the different forms of fever. When very intense, it creates pain in the breast. This was sensibly felt by the

It likewise weakens and sometimes destroys sensibility, and that to such a degree that M^r Mears tells us the natives of the Northern extremity of our country feel no pain from Wounds made with Glass in the Soles of their feet.

french Academicians who went to measure
a degree near the north pole, bring on Hæmoptysis. It also disposes to bleed. It sometimes occasions pain & loss to
2 It affects the nerves with torpor, and thus disposes to the hypocondriac Disease.
3 It produces langnor in the muscles & an indisposition to Voluntary motion. hence it has been said the inhabitants of cold Countries were made to be slaves — the will being too weak in them to overcome the langnor in their muscles, it should be stimulated into action by the will of a master. This argument to be true should be reciprocal — between master & Slave, for the effects of Cold are the same upon each of them
4 Cold when intense, induces first headache, then sleepiness, and afterwards acts. Upon the brain, and induces pain - Sleepiness

‡ By lessening perspiration, and thus removing the natural moisture and softness of the skin it dulls the sensation of touch.

M says that animals that perish with cold retain their Appetites to the last of their lives.

Cold when applied permanently changes even the figure of the face. It contracts the eye lids - and draws the eye brows - By the purpose of the lower jaw against the upper, to lessen the pain of cold it elevates the cheek-bones and lessens the length of the face, and thus produces that succession of generations the contracted & broad face in the inhabitants of cold northern countries. which is observed Pitna

and death. 5 [illegible]

5 It debilitates the faculties of the mind.

6 It affects sensual of the senses. I have already mentioned its effects upon the sense of touch in inducing pain. It lessens the acuteness of taste and dulls the sense of vision, in part probably by its being generally accompanied with the reflection of the rays of light from the snow.

7 Cold invigorates the appetite, especially for animal food. Horses eat more in open stables than in close and warm ones. The stimulus of aliment serves to counteract the debility induced by the cold. It even awakens appetite in hot climates when it succeeds a hot day in the middle of the night in warmer climates. Dr Arbuthnot

8 The effects of cold upon the skin are as various as the effects of heat. By

Cold when applied for a long time
produces sores and ulcers on the Skin.
This was remarkably the case in
board the American Sloops of War the
Constitution in the Winter of 1811.12.

Obstructing perspiration it disposes to cuta-
-neous eruptions. When it has not this
effect, it increases the secretion & discharge of
Urine. This is so frequently the case that
Dr Sydenham recommends the application
of it to the Skin to remove the suppression of
Urine which sometimes takes place in
malignant fevers. - It renders breathing
difficult, and hence the propriety of
resorting to other modes of depletion in the
fevers of cold climates. When applied for
a long time it produces a dark
upon the Skin resembling that which is
produced by the long application of heat.
Cold weakens the Venereal appetite. Perhaps
it may have this effect by the
dread it induces of the difficulties of suppor-
-ting a numerous family of Children

V It appears not only in the reduced size of the body, but in the shortest length of the face. The latter is indeed by natural operation of the cold is aided by prone to obviate cold in the limbs of body, and by the ≠

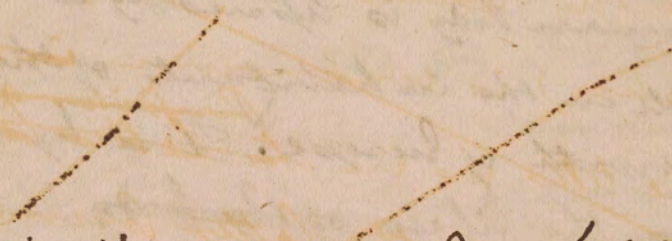
V I shall conclude this account of the positive effects of Cold by taking notice of a fact lately established by a number of experiments made by Dr DeLa Roche of Geneva, and that is - animals live longer in a temperature of air lower by a greater number of degrees than 96 or animal heat, than above them. 1

VI effects of heat.

≠ the prepuse of the lower upon the upper jaw. The last shortens the face.

when ~~for~~ the means of subsistence are
less abundant than in warm countries.

10 Cold contracts the solids of the human body
in such a manner as to diminish this
a lapse of generations the size of animals.
The human body is lessened by it. This is
observable in the inhabitants of the extremity
of the north of Europe. It is by its contrac-
-ting ~~on~~ the fibres ~~of the body~~ that ~~a few~~
~~Degrees of~~ cold water encreases the pain of
the rack when thrown upon the body.
It ~~the~~ acts by encreasing ~~this~~ tendency to
a solution of Continuity. ~~Con~~ the pain of
contraction is added to that of distention. —
Let us next inquire into the relative
effects of cold in producing disease, and here I
shall follow the same order as in speaking of the relative
Its morbid effects are lessened by its
Uniformity. The most healthy winters I
have known in Philad.a have been those
in which a dry - uniform cold prevailed.



V this is obvious every day from the insensibility of the face and hands not only to the coldness of the air, but to the coldness of the water with which we wash them every morning. The association of the hands and face with the whole body is destroyed by habit. The same thing does not take place when the feet are immersed in cold water. The whole body sympathizes in the cold indeed in them.

I observed ~~this~~ it the first time in the
year 1764 when a student of medicine.
Diseases are locked up in Canada ~~Norway and~~
& in Russia during the winter. [Even the
Catarrh (the usual disease of variable
~~cli~~ winters) is unknown ~~in that~~ Dr
Guthrie tells us in ~~the latter~~ ~~Russia, and the~~ ~~country~~
~~Dr's account~~ the latter country]. The
same account is given by Pontoppidan
of the healthiness of the winters in Norway.
They are so in all these countries, only
because they are uniformly cold & dry.
2 The morbid effects of cold are ~~increased~~ lessened by
time and habit. Cold after a while produces
insensibility, not only to itself, but to heat.
This has often been observed in the West In-
=dies, where the Europeans bear the intense

V It is felt every day from the insensibity of the face and hands to the coldness of the water with which we wash them every morning.

heat of the Sun better than the natives of the Islands. This insensibility to heat is to be acquired only by the long action upon the body of cold, alternated with little heat. In a Climate like ours we lose the insensibility to Cold contracted in a single Winter by the ensuing heat of the Summer. The man therefore who attempts to fortify himself against the cold in Pennsylvania by light Clothing will have his work to begin and do over again every Winter. If he should acquire his long sought for insensibility to Cold it will be in the same way in which a Farmer taught his horse to live without eating. As soon as the poor Animal

V the feet and trunk of the body from an insensibility to cold contracted from ~~working them soon drawing in~~ by their being more constantly exposed to the cold.

was perfectly taught his own lesson, he died.]—

3 They are exposed by the natural insensibility of some parts of the body to this operation. The lungs feel the cold, much less than any other part of the body. The head is insensible to it in the next degree. From this ~~activity~~ powers of resisting cold in the head ~~of the brain~~ that it is seldom perhaps ever cold in the old fit of an intermittent. The hands & arm suffer less than

4 They are exposed ~~by acting upon also~~ in all those persons who are affected with the ~~symptoms~~ newborn of Themison — that is who possess a predisposition to nervous diseases. These hysterical patients ~~have~~ suffer least in cold weather.

5 They ~~are~~ are less mindful to children than to grown people. Montfaucon relates an instance of a child being found alive upon ~~its mothers~~ the back of its mother who was frozen to death.

V provided they do not exceed the 98°
or the natural temperature of the human
= man body. Beyond this grade, no
sensation of cold is felt from the de-
= scent of the mercury in the thermometer.

The morbid effects of Cold are increased,
by previous heat. ~~This~~ The Cold acts differently
according to the following circumstances.
1 the degrees of previous heat. the higher the
grade of heat the more sensibly the small
deviations from it act upon the body,
but Dr Heydone says the Air when the mercury fell from
112° to 80° after a sirocco Wind
had passed over the City of Naples was
attended with a painful sensation of Cold.
Baron Humboldt informed me that the
sudden fall of the ☿ from 90° to 80° gave him
the a similar sensation in South America.
The sensation of Cold was ~~excruciating~~ still
more painful to Dr Hodgen when he passed
from a room in which the mercury
stood at 110°. into the Open Air in which

V The pestilential effects of the night air in Egypt depend chiefly upon the difference between its temperature, and that of the preceding day. But

it was 45°. Dr Moseley's facts upon this subject are still more to our purpose. "From the great relaxation & debility of the nervous system in tropical climates the most trivial change in the air wch makes but a small variation on the thermometer is productive of a sense (says the Doctor) "If the heat of the air should sink to 72° and remain stationary for a day, in places where the medium is 80°: it produces an aguish, or chilly sensation that is hardly to be described. Again - adds the Doctor "In the habitable mountains where the air is scarcely ever so cool as what is called temperate in Europe: people who go there suddenly from the low lands, find the coldness at first hardly supportable

"and that intolerable Coldness which is felt at the summit of the Blue Mountains in Jamaica (about 2400 yards above the level of the sea) is but the effect of the suddenness of the change from the scorching heat below. The thermometer on these mountains is about 44° in the day time & 20° at night".

The diseases produced by this abstraction of heat are from a slight to a moderate grade, viz: Fevers, Spasms - and a numbness in the limbs. The first occurs in the West India Islands. The second, viz Spasms in the East Indies, & the last viz: numbness was observed in the Soldiers who marched from Suez to Cairo in the year of the French & English campaign in Egypt. So numerous are these diseases in hot Countries, that Dr. Moseley has well remarked "however paradoxical it may appear, cold to be

V But how shall we reconcile these facts with the account we gave of the insensibility of the body to those great transitions from heat to cold in Finland, Russia & South America. I answer, the heat of the baths in these cases is more intense, and more destructive to sensibility than the ordinary heat in the West Indies. In the latter country, heat so far from destroying sensibility often encreases it. But there may be another reason why an extreme of cold does not induce Disease when it succeeds great heat. It may by its sedative and great sedative power produce reaction in the System, and thus counteract its own morbid effects. In the same way we often suffer from standing or walking in an air at 32° than at 45, or 50°. The former produces reaction, and thus prevents disease. The latter =

the Cause of ~~all~~ almost all Diseases in hot Climates to which Climate Alone is ~~mostly~~ owing. It is for this reason the Doctor very justly says the natives of the Islands are always in a state of predisposition to disease.

2 Cold acts differently according to the duration of previous heat. ~~The longer~~ The longer the body has been exposed to heat before it suffers from the Cold, in consequence of the heat destroying sensibility not only to itself, but to Cold likewise, and the shorter the Duration of the ~~Cold~~ heat which precedes Cold, the more hurtful it becomes to the body.

3 It acts differently according to the greater or less excitability of the System. It has been observed that certain Animals perish in a degree of Cold, in the beginning of Winter that revives them in the Spring. In the former season this

=degrees of Cold act too feeble as a sedative for that purpose. ~~This~~ The inhabi=tants of Cuba (Ulloa tells us) when mo=derately wet, plunge themselves into the first Stream of Water they meet with, in order to avoid taking Cold. The quantity of water in this case brings on reaction, and thus prevents disease. A cold Bath at 50° is often safer and more salutary for the same reason than a Bath at 75°. The former by its greater depression of the System, produces greater reaction. This remark will be applied ~~to the~~ in speaking of Cold as a remedy. It teaches us the danger of using very cold water in violent diseases. It is rendered less hurtful by being applied a great while so as to weaken the irritability of the Vessels. return to 2. p. 57.

Cold water poured under the Sleeve of the Coat with the arm elevated gives great pain. It is one of the modes of punishment in the Jail of this city.

excitability is exhausted — in the latter,
it is accummulated by the ~~previous~~
cold of the previous Winter. —

4 It acts differently according to its greater
or less variations. As small variations
of heat more easily produce disease, so do those of ~~cold~~, when the mercury fluctuates between 60 & 62.
provided they ~~are between~~ ascend from ~~the~~ ~~to~~ [illegible] ~~or~~ below 10 or 20: — Thus Sepr and Octobr more sickly than would [illegible]

5 The morbid effects of cold are increased
by the frequency & suddenness of the ~~cold~~
alternations of heat and cold. Recollect here what was said of the gradual & sudden application of cold & heat to the body;

6 ~~they are~~ Cold acts more or less certainly
in producing disease according as it is ap=
-plied to ~~a part~~ the whole, ~~of~~ or a part of
the body, or upon a part that has been
confined from, or exposed to the action of
the air. ǂ Cold feet often produce Catarrh,
Colic, and even palsy & apoplexy. The
cold hand of a ~~phy~~sician will sometimes
produce a rigor in the whole body of a

A Lady died of a Consumption in this city about 40 years ago ~~by~~ in consequence of sitting a whole evening with ~~the foot of her clothing~~ one of her feet chilled by stepping into a gutter of cold water. It is from the partial effects of cold upon the body, that more colds are taken by sitting before a large fire with the back exposed to Cur=rents of ~~cold~~ cool air from leaky doors & windows, than from exercising a whole day in the open air in cold weather with every part of the body alike exposed to it.

The Consumptions which have so much encreased in ~~our country~~ of late years among the women of our country I be=lieve are owing in part, to their naked elbows and ~~upon~~ arms. Those parts ~~sympathize~~ in an eminent Degree with the lungs.

The partial application of cold is felt when it is applied to the lungs only. Cold air inhaled while the body was warm reduced the pulse 5 strokes in a minute. It is from this partial action of cold upon the body thro the medium of the lungs that colds are

patient, and I know a gentleman in this city [mr Geo: Clymer] who is subject to a Cough, who can excite a fit of coughing at any time by putting his hand out of bed. — A Current of Air against the neck often brings on trismus, stiffness, & inflammation on that part of the body, and sometimes tetanus or a locked jaw. I once knew a young woman who by leaving off a ribbon which she usually wore upon her cap, was affected with Coryza, and we had a Citizen of Philad.a who was affected with Catarrh every time he passed a forenoon with his shoes down at the heels. All these indispositions and diseases are the effects of the loss of the equilibrium of the System. They should teach us the importance of guarding

= are so often taken ~~in bed~~ by invalids who sleep in a cold room, after passing the whole day in a room of a warm & pleasant temperature. return to p 60 =

~~part of~~ the body from the partial or unequal effects of Cold in all ~~their~~ diseases predispositions to disease.

The morbid effects of the same degree of Cold are much encreased by being combined with Wind. ~~It disposes to~~ Diseases of the breast are often induced by them.

Moisture encreases the morbid effects of Cold. ~~It~~ It acts like Wind by carrying off the heat of the circumambient body. The Cold of great Britain at 30° is much more disagreable than the Cold of Russia at 10°. The Russian Sailors who spent part of the Winter 1771 at ~~Spithead~~ Plymouth declared that the moist Cold of England was far more insupportable to them than the coldest weather they had ever before felt in this

V It is to the common operation of cold and moisture that the Scrophula is more common in Great Britain than it is ~~this~~ any other country. ~~of~~ The poor suffer most from this disease chiefly because they are more exposed to its remote cause from the want of sufficient fuel and cloathing.

own Country. The air of Holland owes its unwholsome quality to ~~it~~ moisture, ~~It is~~ combined with Cold. It is to Obviate both the effects of, that the Dutch are obliged in the evening to increase their clothing - for at that time the moisture abounds most in this Atmosphere. Cold certainly upon old, than upon young or middle aged persons. It has often been remarked that very cold Spells of Weather (as they are called) in our City - that is, weather in which the mercury descends below 10 to 0 proves fatal to ~~old~~ very old people. They generally perish in their beds, probably from the want of a sufficient quantity of bed Clothes. ~~Old~~ Drunkards are more affected by

Cold than sober people. Three men notorious for drunkenness, died in the Course of six weeks in the Winter of 1779. 1. 2 during the Coldest week in January. & two of them

There is a great predisposition in Drunkards to be affected by Cold, & hence we sometimes observe them to be chilly even in moderate Weather.

2d Cold is more disposed to produce disease when the stomach is empty than when it is full of Aliment, - Sailors who suffer from Cold are often predisposed to it from the long fasting to which cold & bad Weather at Sea exposes them.

3d Cold acts more certainly & more powerfully upon the System in the Sleeping than in the Waking State. It has been found that a Man dies in a Cold of 8°. or 9°. below

O, ~~both~~ when asleep; whereas a man
who is awake & in exercise will survive
a degree of Cold 30° below 0. The more
frequent Attacks of fevers in the night
than at any other time is ascribed
chiefly to the greater influence of Cold
upon the body in a sleeping than in a
waking State.

13 Invalids who are ~~particularly~~ accompanied with the Stricture of Thomson
or Chronic ~~particularly of the nerves~~ diseases are always predisposed
to be ~~more~~ injured ~~by~~ by Cold.

Upon reviving the morbid effects of Cold
we ~~can~~ cannot help being struck with this
number, & Violence, and the misery that is
connected with them. Perhaps there is more
Animal Suffering from

14 ~~The morbid effects of Cold as more hurtful~~
Cold is more hurtful in the humanes

From what has been said ~~you will then~~
= ~~deserved the reason why the diseases of the~~
not only positive negative
~~four seas~~ of the influence of Cold Climates
upon the body in producing diseases, but
~~of the four seasons of the year. Hy~~ not
you will be able to account for the
variety and changes in the diseases of
the four seasons of the year.

& autumn when the body is impregnated with putrid miasmata than at any other time. I have twice seen several hundred persons indisposed from the effects of a single night preceding a hot day in the month of August, who would scarcely have felt a slight catarrh from the same change in the weather in the months of June, or November.

In reviewing the morbid effects of cold, we cannot help being struck with this number & violence, and the misery that is connected with them. Perhaps there is more animal suffering from cold than from any other cause. The whole brute creation groans under it, & millions of animated creatures perish from it every year. But to man it is hurtful & destructive in a high degree. Who can calculate

the pains and distresses of Sailors, Soldiers & the laboring poor from this cause.[2] — how numerous and fatal are the diseases induced chiefly by its simple operation! and but still more numerous & fatal are its effects when combined with moisture and miasmata! It may be considered as the exciting cause of nearly all disease, has been strangely overlooked in the inventory of human evils, but I believe. It is the fact that have been ensured, authorize us to apert that there does not exist upon our globe a greater physical enemy to the health, and life of man than Cold. — The effects of But numerous, distressing and fatal as cold have been represented to be, they do not exist by an irrevocable law of nature. Where men live agreeably to reason

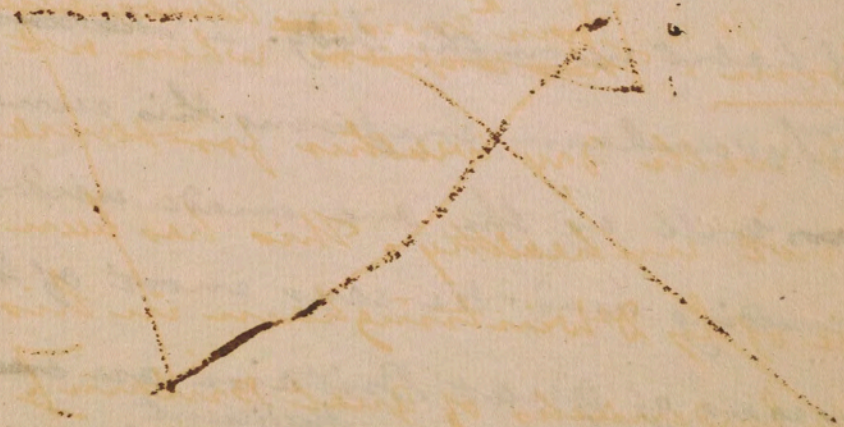
The Deaths in Petersburg are said to be
1 Male in 9, and 1 female in 13 annually
~~After that period~~ between the 20th & 25th
years of life, and most of them from the
intemperate Use of Brandy disposing to
fevers. Those fevers are 1/4 pleuritic 1/6
consumptive & 1/3 common fevers making
5/7 of all who die } 2 millions.

health & longevity are nearly as common in Cold as in warm Countries, and were in those Countries where they are not so, it is probable ~~they are~~ diseases are induced, and life shortened by the excessive use of ~~Stimulating~~ ardent Spirits, Animal food & dancing which are resorted to, ~~to~~ in order to counteract the effects of Cold. Thick Walls double Windows, and ~~fire~~ close stoves in the house, and fires, and foot stoves in the open air, afford an ample protection from the Cold in Canada and Russia. This is so much the case, that Dr Guthrie tells us ~~that Captain Cook~~ the Calash is unknown in the latter Country in their severest Winters. ~~Some~~ Natives of the middle States who pass a Winter in Canada

apare no they suffer up from the cold there, than in this our Country.

Nor is a Climate such as that of the Southern parts of Europe and of the United States in which the Thermometer is constantly fluctuating between heat & Cold unsparily unhealthy where the inhabitants accommodate their dresses and manner of living to the changes in the weather. ~~Nor~~ where persons objet to the trouble of Changing their Cloaths daily, or two or three times a day, when the changes in the weather require it, they should wear cloaths warmer than is agreeable to them. By this means many people escape the diseases of Cridole & Variable Climates.

Nor does moisture when combined with Cold, necessarily produce sickness. This is evident from the healthy complexions and robust habits of the inhabitants of Great Britain & Ireland. The morbid effects of this Union of moisture with Cold are obviated by constant labor, suitable Clothing, and the influence of habit upon the body. — Dr. Sydenham confirms this remark as well as the one made under the preceding head. He says most of the acute diseases of Great Britain are produced by the want of sufficient Clothing to protect the body from Cold. The same things produce or excite nearly all the acute diseases in the middle States of America. I have been called to many thousand people indisposed



with fewer from wearing too thin Cloaths, or sleeping under too few bedcloaths, but never one person indisposed from an excess in the use of either of those Articles.

I shall conclude the history of the effects of heat, cold, moisture, Dryness & upon the body, by repeating that none of them are hurtful when they are moderate & long continued. It is a moist atmosphere when not alternated with dry weather for several months is not unhealthy. This has been taken notice of by Dr Winstringham in his account of the Epidemicks of Great Britain. Chiefly from the changes in the sensible qualities of the Air that have been mentioned, that we derive all the Diseases that have been ascribed to them.